THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the States/UTs except the newly created States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal have constituted Blood Transfusion Councils.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Norms for Adoption of Ayurveda Colleges as Centre of Excellence

31. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayurveda Colleges of any State have been adopted by Government as Centre of excellence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government maintain any norms in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government will consider to adopt any of the Ayurveda Colleges in Kerala as Centre of excellence; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) No such scheme has been formulated.

(e) to (f) Do not arise.

Strengthening of Rural Hospitals

32. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project of strengthening rural hospitals has been implemented by Government with the help of World Bank;

(b) if so, the names of States in which such project has been implemented, so far;